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COUNTRY Rumanian Emigration

SUBJECT Reaction to Gafencu's Proposals

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1. The reaction in the Rumanian emigration to Gafencu's efforts to reach an agreement with Visoianu has been so strong that it is very questionable now whether Gafencu can accept the presidency of the new National Council, even if that body is set up.
2. King Michael regards the plan with coolness and almost opposition. He considers a council of 100 members clumsy and too large. He wants only men devoted to himself in any such body, and this would be impossible in a council of 100. It is also quite clear that the real representatives of the League would not sit in any council where Visoianu had a leading part.
3. The so-called Davila group in the US, which is closely connected with Visoianu without being directly in communication with him, refuses to join any organization which includes current or former members of the League. The Davila group is numerically unimportant, but Davila himself has considerable influence as one of the leading advisers to Free Europe on Rumanian questions. His vote might determine how far the new organization would receive American support. Thus Davila's support is very important to Visoianu.
4. League groups, not only in America, but also in England and Germany, are strongly opposed to Gafencu's initiative.
5. Even in France, League groups are taking Gafencu's move badly and holding fast to the regular League line of policy. The prominent Socialist German, who has an important following in Paris, has not yet announced his position, but it is dubious whether Gafencu can hold him in line.

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